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inside

To a place that's no longer  
offending.

What does it mean? The  
newest restrooms at the  
Fair are on the spot of  
formerly dingy stalls in the  
Mighty Kidway. With 49  
toilets for men and  
women, another 14 are  
designated family/unisex,  
meaning they're the  
perfect spot for caregivers  
or transgender fairgoers.

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CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL > Sesquicentennial



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Howard Guthmann, a retired ophthalmologist who graduated from Central High School in 1940 — the same year as "Peanuts" creator Charles M. Schulz (below) — and wife Betsy, a 1946 Central grad, show some of their school memorabilia Thursday in St. Paul.

## Rock of a school

Central High School, the alma mater of  
Charles M. Schulz and Dave Winfield,  
celebrates 150 years of success stories

By Josh Verges  
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In 1935, a 14-year-old farm boy failed again and again to pass the English test needed to get onto St. Paul Central High School's academic track.

"They reasoned with my parents that I wasn't really college material," said Lowell Gess, now 95 and a retired ophthalmologist.

After lobbying from his parents

and some extra work, Gess graduated from Central and went on to Macalester College, where he got a student job in the English department grading other students' papers.

The state's oldest high school, celebrating its 150th anniversary, has a well-deserved reputation for pushing kids to excel, said Jean O'Connell, a 1970 graduate

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I REMEMBER IT WELL ... IT WAS  
ON GRAND AVENUE, WASN'T IT?  
OR WAS IT SNELLING? SELBY?  
DAYTON? HIGHLAND PARKWAY?  
SEVEN CORNERS?



CENTRAL TURNS 150, 2A

Phyllis Schlafly >

1924-2016



Phyllis  
Schlafly  
died of  
cancer  
at her  
home in  
St. Louis.

## Firebrand battled the ERA in 1970s

Traditional roles for women were her objective

By Patricia Sullivan  
*Washington Post*

Phyllis Schlafly, a conservative activist, lawyer and author who is credited with almost single-handedly stop-

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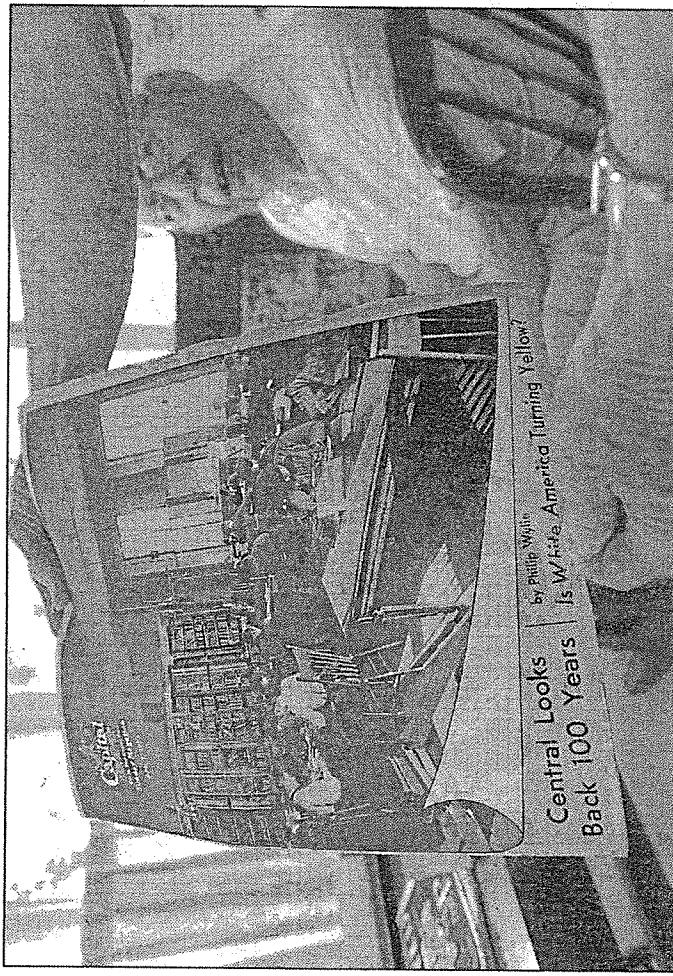
## > Central turns 150

and former St. Paul school board member.

"I certainly saw that when I was looking at colleges with my daughter. You mention St. Paul Central and they immediately have a different expectation than they do of other folks who might be sitting in the waiting room," she said. "It's an amazing school, and it's been an amazing school for a long, long time."

Central claims as graduates baseball hall of famer Dave Winfield, "Peanuts" cartoonist Charles M. Schulz, Best Buy founder Richard M. Schulze, YouTube co-founder Jawed Karim and philanthropist banker T. Denny Sanford. Aviator Amelia Earhart briefly attended.

"When we look at our alums and where some of them have gone and the influence they've had, nationally and beyond, it's pretty amazing," said Maggie O'Reilly, a mother of



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Betsy Guthmann shows a photo from Central High School that ran on the cover of the St. Paul Pioneer Press Sunday magazine in 1970.

two Central students who is makeover.

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"That's part of the allure of

Brown's creator in 1940. Schulz lived along the route of the streetcar Guthmann sometimes took to school. "The class was very successful — doctors, lawyers, CPAs, musicians," he said. "Central was a leading national school academically. If you wanted to go on to one of the eastern colleges — in those days considered better — Central was an excellent school to apply from."

Guthmann still gets a kick out of the annual announcements about which St. Paul Public Schools students earned college scholarships and other awards. "That pamphlet is 50 percent Central," he said. "It's wonderful to be able to say you're a Central graduate."

Jack Schluebier taught at Central for 31 years before retiring in 2011. He still does some contract work for the school and is heading up the sesquicentennial committee. He said the school's history made it a special place to go to work.

A concert series is in the works featuring musicians with ties to Central, and a historical booklet soon will be available for sale.

"That's part of the allure of this place. It has this sort of tradition of a lot of notable people," he said. "You're sort of walking in the footsteps of some of these giants."

Today, the school is known

as much for its diversity and inclusiveness as its academics. With dozens of student clubs, "There is a place for everybody," Schluebier said.

Central kicks off its sesqui-centennial celebration at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, the first day of school, with proclamations from the mayor and lieutenant governor. They'll gather in front of the school, where a major fundraising effort has produced new landscaping and outdoor learning space.

Additional celebrations will take place Sept. 30 at the school's 1,000th football game and Oct. 7, when alumni will be recognized at halftime of the homecoming game.

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